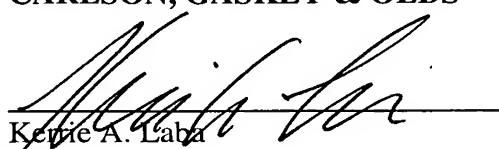


REMARKS

Examination of this application, which claims priority to International Application No. PCT./US2002/023248, filed 18 July 2002, is requested. The claims 19-43 correspond to claims submitted in an Article 34 Amendment submitted for the corresponding international application. Applicant did not receive an indication whether the Article 34 Amendment was entered. Therefore, Applicant submits new claims 19-43 above.

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